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'Help exists for victims of violence'

POLICE have reassured the public help is available for victims of domestic violence, after a man was jailed for killing his public per a second of the publi

Steven Jewell, aged 43, will only be released from prison when he is no longer deemed a danger to the public, but that could be in two years' time.

He was convicted of strangling Nicola de Sousa in the bed they shared at her home in Oakley Street, The Mounts, on February 10 last year but failed to call police until two days later

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Northampton Crown Court
heard how on the day her body
was discovered, she had been due
to attend an appointment with a
domestic violence advisor at the
Sunflower Centre in Fish Street,
Northampton town centre.

The 31-year-old was considered to be a 'high-risk' victim and the couple were well known to police.

Both were known as heavy drinkers whose turbulent relationship was marked by arguments and incidents of domestic abuse on both sides.



Victim Nicola de Souza

During the trial, the court heard from PC Miles Dolan who said he 'regularly' visited the house following disturbances, but that Miss de Sousa would always withdraw her support for a prosecution.

Detective Sergeant Gary Baker, of the domestic abuse unit, said he was aware Miss de Sousa had "some issues in engaging with services" but stressed she was receiving support from the Sunflower Centre.

Speaking about the issue of domestic abuse, he said: "We are here to help and listen.

"We do take domestic abuse very seriously, we will do whatever we can within our powers to safeguard victims and to bring offenders to court

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"Unfortunately, there are occasions, where for whatever reason, the victim is in a risk situation and we will do all we can to
reduce that risk of harm to the
victim, but we cannot force the
victim to take a particular route,
we can only guide them and support them.

"Some victims are subject to violence for years and some choose to remain in the situation.

"The best we can do is to manage and try to reduce the risk and advise them of the best way to do that.

"We try to prosecute without the victim using other evidence, but it's difficult and an exception rather than the rule.

"We're victim lead, we try and follow the wishes of the victim as far as we possibly can."



Steven Jewell was jailed earlier this week for the manslaughter of Nicola de Sousa. The couple were known to abuse services and police have urged other victims to get advice





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The number of illegal travellers camps has fallen in Northamptonshire

Illegal camps are on decline

THE number of illegal traveller camps in Northamptonshire has fallen by almost 64 per cent over the past two years, figures showed.

A report before a meeting of the Northamptonshire Traveller Consortium Executive Board suggested the county was bucking the trend for unauthorised encampments, with only 17 reported during one "snapshot" month – July 2010 – down from 47 in the same month in 2008.

And during the period from April 1 last year until January 31, 2011, a total of only 47 illegal encampments were found in Northamptonshire.

The county is one of only two in England – the other being Leicestershire – to have a multi-agency unit made up of local councils, the police and health services to help deal with the problem of unauthorised encampments.

The report's author, Sgt Mark McDonnell, of Northamptonshire Police, hailed the agency – the Northamptonshire Countywide Traveller Unit (CTU) – as a factor in reducing the number of illegal camps.

In his report Sgt McDonnell wrote: "The CTU 'Firm but Fair' approach to the management of traveller encampments, balancing the needs and rights of the travellers with the needs and rights of others affected by the encampment, continues to have a marked positive effect on the number, location and behaviour of unauthorised traveller encampments within Northamptonshire.

"Monitoring of the national situation would suggest this is not the norm."

As well as a reduction in the number of unauthorised camps, the report claimed the number of complaints regarding the behav-

iour of travellers camped on land in the county had also fallen. This is attributed to the CTU

This is attributed to the CTU taking prompt action against disruptive encampments, as well as its work in providing reassurance, information and guidance on enforcement action.

Camp occupiers leaving less rubbish behind and travellers choosing locations where their presence had less of an impact on others were also considered factors.

The latest figures showed the average amount of time unauthorised traveller camps remained on land in the county had also fallen.

Travellers spent 38 days on private land and 201 days on council land between April 2009 and January 2010, compared with 24 days on private land and 125 days on council land between April 2010 and January this year, according to the report.



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Crisis hits fruit supply

THE effects of the recent crisis in Egypt has sent tremors around the fruit and veg industry in Northampton, as protests have resulted in deliveries of some produce grinding to a halt.

Oranges, dates and pomegranates are some of the fruits that have been a scarcity over the past few weeks due to the effects of the Egyptian upheaval.

On Northampton's Market Square, traders have seen various types of fruits and vegetables become more expensive to buy in or have been unable to source them at all, as exporters have struggled to ship produce out of the country.

Market Trader Eamon Fitzpatrick, of EJ Fitzpatrick, said: "Oranges, pomegran-ates, strawberries and spring onions have all been hard to come by over the past few

"A lot of produce comes out of Egypt and we have come to rely on them a lot. "We do get some from Israel as well,

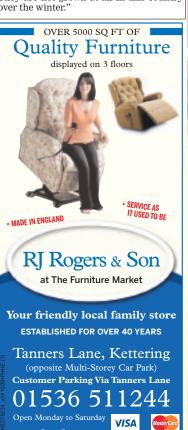
but if millions of boxes of oranges don't come on to the market it is going to drive up costs.
"We have lost a substantial amount over

the past few weeks, but on the positive side, at the weekend we had a load of really nice strawberries from Egypt arrive which was a surprise.

'We are hoping this is a sign that the doors have opened and it's all going to start coming back through."

Mark Shipley, salesman at Hung's Fruit & Veg, said; "In the summer we get a lot of fresh fruits from there, like figs and dates, so hopefully things will get back to normal or we might have to think about other countries.

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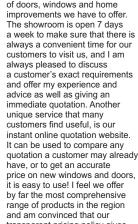
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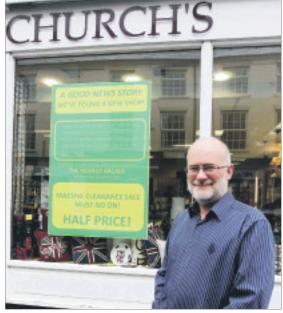
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Stephen Church has revealed that strong sales following the announcement of the Royal Wedding has convinced him to keep his store open in the town centre

Great sales save shop

BUMPER sales of official Royal Wedding memorabilia has helped convince the owner of one of Northampton's oldest shops to continue trading in the town centre.

ing in the town centre.

Stephen Church, managing director of Church's China, announced plans to close the St Giles Street shop in October last year after 153 years in the town.

But following a massive sales boost after the announcement of Prince William and Kate Middleton's engagement Mr Church has decided to move to a new premises in The Ridings.

The new store, which will fill a vacant unit which was a former art gallery, will trade under the same name and will employ eight of the 10 current employees.

Mr Church said: "This is a really exciting development. Two months ago it just wasn't an option, and as far as I was concerned the shop was closing down and 153 years of history was coming to an end.

"But interest, and subsequent trade, in the Royal Wedding has been fantastic for us,

although this decision is about more than that.

"Our closing down sale has been staggeringly successful, which made me think again, and combine that with the Royal Wedding, and that I've been genuinely touched by the goodwill of the people of Northampton and the loyalty of our customers, and it all led to me to reconsider my decision after Christmas.

"We've found an ideal premises on good terms and the town centre is where we belong."

The Chronicle & Echo reported last November that Northampton Borough Council are the landlords of Church's China's current premises in St Giles Street.

The council's cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Richard Church (*Lib Dem, Kingsthorpe*), is also Stephen Church's brother

Stephen Church said: "The main reason we chose to close down the current premises was that the rent was not viable. I felt pessimistic about finding another town centre premises to switch to but in the end I've been proved wrong."



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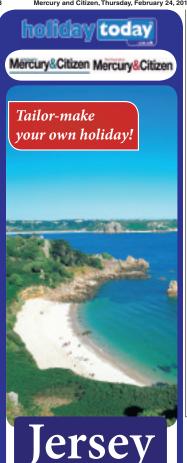






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SKATEBOARDERS Northampton have been assured there is no campaign to withdraw funding from a proposed skate park for the town.

In November last year, the leaders of Northampton Borough Council pledged to invest £250,000 towards the creation of a skate park of 'national importance' in the

But this month, an internet campaign group has been set up on Facebook, claiming the opposition Conservative party at the Guildhall planned to block the scheme during

the council's annual budget meeting next Monday.

The allegation has been strenuously denied by the opposition group, who said they had no plans to oppose the funding either now or after the local elections in

The leader of the opposition, Councillor David Palethorpe (Con, Billing) said: "I have no ideas where these rumours came from, but we have absolutely no plans to vote against this on February 28 and no plans to prevent it from going ahead after May, should we win the election."

The council has been looking into plans to build a skate park on Midsummer Meadow and consulting with a group of skateboarders for the past

few months.

If more funding is found for the plans, it is hoped the facility could be up and running by Easter 2012.

The deputy leader of the authority, Councillor Paul Varnsverry (Lib Dem, West Hunsbury) said he was also optimistic the council's funding plans would be passed next week. He said: "A significant amount of work has been done by both the Northampton Skatepark Action Group and the council's own staff and things are progressing really well.

"We're already looking at other places to find fund-ing and I think Easter 2012 is a good target to set for its opening.

"As far as the vote on the 28th goes, there are no threats to the cash from the Liberal Democrats and none so far as I'm aware from any of the opposition parties.'

Because the Liberal Democrats are the largest group on the council, it would take the opposition Labour, Conservative and Independent groups to vote together to block any proposals which are in the Liberal Democrat leadership's budget plans.

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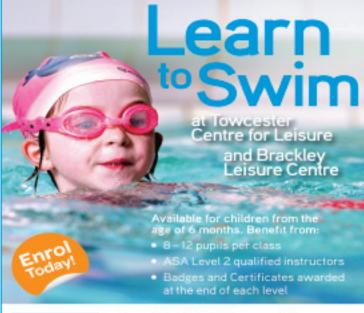
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Kevin Charles, chair of Northampton Skate Park Action Group, said: "Since

have gone from a position of being a global mecca for the

sport into a wasteland. "We want to get skaters off the streets but at the moment they have nowhere to

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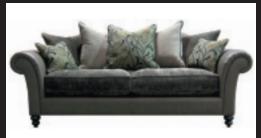


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BNP link is probed

A SERVING soldier who helps to take struglling ex-servicemen off the streets was questioned by police after concerns were raised about his work.

Chris Mounteney, an outreach worker for the Soldiers Off The Street charity in Northampton, said he was quizzed last Thursday before he went out to help the homeless on his night shift.

The 44-year-old said: "I was told to stop my work because they believed the charity was set up by the BNP. It was ludicrous, Soldiers Off The Streets was set up by Bill Murray, who used to be in the BNP, but he has relinquished his

support of them. The charity doesn't have political links."

serviceman did however admit the group's headquarters were rented off a current member of the BNP.

Mr Mounteney, who works as a welfare officer in the TA centre in Clare Street, Northampton, added: "We are a charity and people need our help. If somebody serves their country they should have proper care and, as a charity, we provide that."

The row was played out through social networking website Facebook over the weekend with Northamptonshire Police issuing the following statement: "We can confirm that a number of concerns were raised to us by partner agencies. To clarify this, a meeting was held with a representative from Soldiers Off The Street.

"We support people's right to engage with legitimate charities and undertake lawful work on their behalf. We have not instructed anyone to stop working with a charity of their choice and would not seek to prevent them from doing so. We are currently investigating this matter."

Mr Mounteney said he was later told he could continue his charity work and had the full support of the police.

He added: "There was a sudden change. I'm hoping that now we can all work in partnership to help the homeless?

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season opener in Bahrain.
The Bahrain International
Circuit (BIC) confirmed the Gulf
kingdom had decided to withdraw from hosting the Grand Prix - due to take place from March 11-13 - to focus on "overcoming tragedy and healing divisions" in the wake of recent civil unrest.

The BIC stated no decision had been made on a new date for the potential rescheduling of the race.

The decision to call off the event affectd a number of county-based teams including Mercedes GP, in Brackley, Force India at Silverstone, and Cosworth Engineering in St James, who supply engines to three F1 teams.

The crown prince of Bahrain, Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, informed FI supremo Bernie Ecclestone of his decision by telephone. Prince Salman said: "At the present time, the country's entire attention is focused on building a new national dialogue for Bahrain.



in Bahrain made it clear the priority should be the people of Bahrain rather than the F1 Grand Prix

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"Although Bernie Ecclestone had graciously made clear a decision on the race was entirely Bahrain's to make and was not yet required, we felt it was important for the country to focus on imme-diate issues of national interest and leave the hosting of Bahrain's Formula One race to a later date.

"After the events of the past week, our nation's priority is on overcoming tragedy, healing divisions and rediscovering the fabric that draws this country together, reminding the world of the very best that Bahrain is capable of as a nation once again united.

Threats were emanating from anti-government protesters that the race will be targeted. Dem-

onstrators camped out in Pearl Square in the capital Manama made it clear concerns for the people of Bahrain should take priority rather than the future of a F1 Grand Prix. The event was three weeks away but human rights activists threatened this week that "F1 is not going to be peaceful this

Driver Mark Webber, of Milton Keynes-based Red Bull Racing, said: "It's probably not the best time to go there for a sporting event. They have bigger things, bigger priorities.

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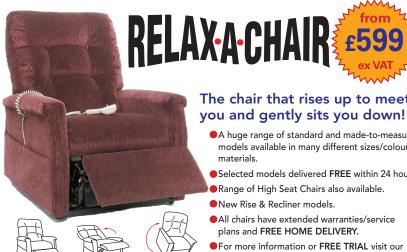
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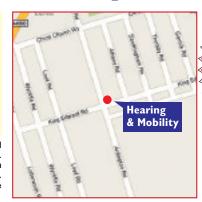
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A VILLAGE shop in Northamptonshire which closed at the end of last year could return as a 'people's shop' if proposals for

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A meeting to discuss plans for a 'com-munity shop', which would be run by the residents of Wappenham, is due to take place on Monday at 7pm at Wappenham Village Hall.

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The village lost its post office and shop due to economic pressures last November and is now looking to follow in the footsteps of neighbouring village, Sulgrave, with a community-run venture.

Rupert Fordham, from Wappenham Action Group, said: "Like many villages we had a shop for a long time and when it closed we were left with nothing.

"A few people on Wappenham Parish Council have now tried to organise this meeting to really try to test the temperature on the idea of the community running the shop.

"How it will be run will depend completely on what the village wants. I would personally want the Industrial and Provident Society (IPS) model, which is where you become a shareholder and can put in anything from £10 to £1,000. That way the community become owners and have an equal say on how things are run.

"I don't think the former premises will be available, unfortunately, but it could lead to us establishing a place where people can meet, shop and chat again.

"The shop was a real community facility for the village and since it has gone

the difference has really been noticed." South Northamptonshire MP Andrea Leadsom, who used to use the shop, will speak at the meeting along with a representative from the Sulgrave Community Shop.



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The group's show Chase the Dream will come to Northampton for one night only, demonstrating the spectacular street dance routines for which they became famous.

It incorporates contemporary jazz, modern ballet and jump jive and shows Flawless's range of skills both collectively and as individual performers.

After making it to the finals of Britain's Got Talent in 2009, the 10-strong troupe starred in the hit movie StreetDance 3D as well as appearing in music videos for the likes of Madonna, Beyonce, Leona Lewis and Westlife. Following a sold-out run of Chase the Dream at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year, Flawless continue to dazzle audiences around the world with their energy and choreography.

Choreographer Marlon Wallen, 26, formed the group in 2004 and since then they have produced new and innovative choreography to make street dance more accessible for everyone and they have won many awards

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That wholesome image as the boy-next-door is reinforced by Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D, a life-affirming behind the scenes documentary about the boy wonder's rise to fame – culminating in his first concert at Madison Square Gardens in New York.

If you believe Jon Chu's film – and let us not forget this is a recording company marketing tool to preach to the Beliebers and swell the flock – the singer is well protected from



the media glare by a team of people which resembles one big, happy family.

You have a tour bus crammed with bodyguard Kenny Hamilton, who doesn't leave Justin's side, vocal coach Jan Smith, stylist Ryan Good, tour general manager Allison Kaye and manager Scooter, who gets all misty-eyed when he says to the camera: "To think, the 12-year-old kid I found on YouTube is going to be at the Garden . . ." The boy's father appears briefly but the film glosses over the breakdown of the relationship with Justin's mother Pattie Mallette, who has raised him single-handedly since she was 18.

In heart-warming scenes, Ryan

and Allison find youngsters who weren't able to get tickets and surprise them with front row seats as a thank-you for creating hype when US radio stations stubbornly refused to play his music.

Chu structures his film as a diary of the 10 days leading up to the New York concert. YouTube videos, home movies and photographs are intercut with interviews with his ardent fans.

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Music

Summoning to Glamour Of The Kill

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The band from York
released their debut album, entitled The Summoning, last month.
The quartet feature
singer and bassist Davey
Richmond, guitarist and
singer Chris Gomerson,
lead guitarist Mike King-

swood and drummer and singer Ben Thomson. GOTK formed around 2007, with their debut EP gaining widespread popularity.

They have toured with the likes of Bullet For My Valentine and Avenged Sevenfold.

In 2008 they released their debut EP and the following year played at the Sonisphere
Festival, playing the
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year.
The first single from The
Summoning
received heavy air play
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GOTK play The Roadmender tomorrow.
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A new sound for band

DANCE punk five-piece Bearsuit are headlining The Labour Club in Northampton.

The band will unleash their eagerly anticipated album The Phantom Forest next month.

The 12-track LP heralds a fierce new sound for the band, who have swapped violins, flutes and horns for dirty synths, guitars and infectious beats in the light of a dramatic line-up change. The band's polished disco-synth debut single, Please Don't Take Him Back, was playlisted on BBC 6Music in October.

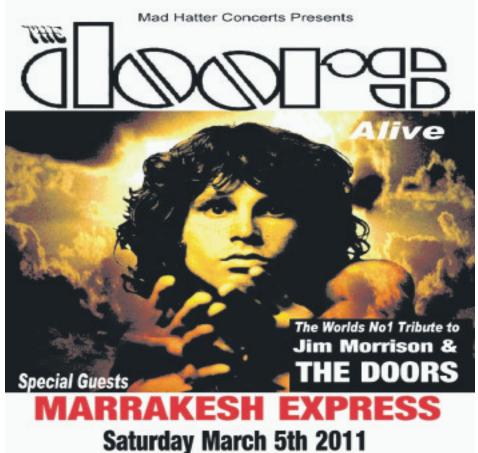
Weeks later and their second release, A Train Wreck, was rated an NME Top 10 Download and the band head into the coming weeks having secured a slot at the SXSW festival in Texas.

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RIFTING northward up the M1 towards Northampton, a back seat passenger declared the rear of the Mercedes the most comfortable car she had ever ridden in.

It's the sort of remark that ought to make Mercedes very happy indeed; for this is a car whose rear seats take a lot of bottoms in the role of Germany's most popular taxi.

And before you decide you'd never want to own a car others see as a cab with a light on the roof, consider what this workaday role tells you about the car.

Surely, it means this is a car that delivers in spades on passenger comfort, can't be bad either for someone spending their working day behind the wheel - and ought to be reliable enough to stay clear of garages, apart from at service time.

I can't comment on the car's likely reliability, except to mention that Mercedes has been working hard in recent years to restore its once bulletproof reputation for building cars that can survive everything short of a

CAR: Mercedes-Benz E220 BlueEfficiency SE automatic

PRICE: £31,570 (£30,005 manual gearbox)

DRIVETRAIN: 2.1 litre 168bhp diesel engine, automatic

PERFORMANCE: Top speed 141mph 0-62mph 8.8 seconds

ECONOMY: Euro average 48.7mpg CO2 154g/km road

SIZE: 4868mm long 1854mm wide SAFETY EuroNCAP:

INSURANCE: Group

WARRANTY: Three years unlimited mileage

Even coming near the bottom of the line up in the newish E-Class range, the test car felt solidly put together, its panels fitting with paper-thin gaps and not a squeak or groan to be heard.

Like many Mercedes models I've enjoyed

over the years, the charms of this one grew as the days went by, until I was almost tempted to move house so the collection driver wouldn't find me.

First impressions were of a smart looking car, much more sharply suited than the old model, but starting it up revealed a surprising amount of noise from the engine (very obviously a diesel) and a ride that felt a bit on the wobbly side.

A week later and I hardly noticed the diesel's growl, which anyway retreats into the background at a steady cruising speed. The ride just felt better and better as yet another bit of badly patched road glided beneath the unfashionably small wheels (a benefit of buying down the range).

Better still was a final dashboard readout of 43mpg for my week of mixed driving. Consider that came from a car fitted with the optional (and highly recommended) automatic gearbox and

Range-starter (or almost, you can have

an E-Class for £28,915) it may be, but all the essentials are present and correct, from automatic climate control and cruise control to all round one-touch electric windows and parking sensors front and rear.

ing London traffic, and that's an outstand-

Much less expected (German cars are famous for their expensive options) were other features that come as standard on this

lowly member of the E-Class range.
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Good night God Bless to my very brave Sister. Sleep peacefully Brenda. Love Liz, John, Carl and Family

ABRAHAM Brenda

(nee Sweeney)

Because you're so special no words could ever say how much we will miss you.

From your loving Sister Kathleen, Dennis and family

BATHE Hilda

Passed away suddenly but peacefully at Northampton General Hospital on 17th February

aged 79 years Much loved Wife of Tony, devoted Mother of Astrid, Linda, Keith, Grandmother to Stuart, Maria, Rebecca, Jim George, Alic and Toby. Alice

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Dearest Nan, You will be sorely

missed especially your fun, laughter and wisdom. I know you will be enjoying the

presence of your Lord and Savour.

All my love Phil

Lynn. Much Daughter of Fell asleep on Pahraury 2011,

GRIFFIN

11th Febraury

Beyond understanding.

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Kerrie. nee Wheeldon. Died suddenly on 11th February. Angels are Heaven sent, not for

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Kerrie loved Eileen.

peacefully on the 15th February 2011. Loving Mother of devoted and loving Nan of Lindsay and Melissa, Great Grandma of Lucas, Sydney,

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Obituaries

GWENDOLYN WINIFRED SMITH

Formerly of Lutterworth Road. Formerly of Lutterworth Road. ussed away peacefully at Rathgar Care Home on February 17th 2011, aged 88 years. Devoted Mum of Gill and the late Dave. Dear wife of the late Ron. Mother- In-Law of Les.

Mum.
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Nan.
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Forever in our hearts. Lisa, Rachel,
Phil and Darren.x.

Great Granny Gwen. Gentle Jesus up above, please give Granny all our love. Night night kisses Granny. Luke, Thomas, Hannah and Ellen.x.

Gwen's funeral will take place at Christ Church on Wednesday March 2nd at 3pm followed by cremation at Milton Crematorium. Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Kevin Matthews Funeral Home at 1 Balmoral Road, Kinsthorpe, Northampton.

Acknowledgements Acknowledgements

HARVEY Stephen (Steve)

Celia, John and family wish to thank everyone who attended the service and for all the flowers, cards and donations to The Alzheimer's

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Special thanks also to
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GIBBS Cynthia

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Miss you Mum, forever in our hearts

Colleen, Gary, Kelly and Kevin

Marilyn BRAY

Mum, so much has happened since you've been gone, through ups and downs our lives move on, but as time rolls by one thing remains true, we will always love you. Stacey, Martin, Aimee & Chloe Andrew, Audrey, Billy and Lola

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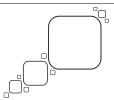


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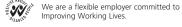
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YOU MUST BE JOKING - Nathaniel Wedderburn is booked during the Cobblers' 1-1 draw at Hereford on Tuesday night

Sammo unhappy as Town are held again

COBBLERS boss lan Sampson felt his side were denied a clear-cut penalty at Hereford United on Tuesday night as they made it five draws on the bounce.

The 1-1 stalemate actually takes Town a point closer to the npower League Two play-off zone but Sampson feels they should have had more.

The manager took the view that Billy McKay was fouled in the box late in the second half and that there was a foul in the build-up to Hereford's equalising goal.

"I was disappointed with the referee," he said. "I thought there should have been a penalty for a foul on Billy (McKay) at the back post. That's why I'm not too pleased with the ref – the centre-back got the wrong side and just pushed him in the back."

"Then we had a similar one outside the box when Andy Holt was fouled in exactly the same way and he gave a free-kick.

"I thought there should have been a free-kick for a foul on Michael Jacobs in the build-up to their goal as well."

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Town played better in this game than they have in all of the preceding four draws with the exception of the 1-1 at Port Vale, and looked very dangerous from set plays.

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Holt scored the visitors' goal from a Kevin Thornton corner and Jacobs headed against a post from another ball in later on.

"We look a real threat from set plays, Kev (Thornton) put some great balls in for us again last night," he said.

"But we've got to stop the ball from coming into the box. That's how we are conceding a lot of our goals at the moment and it happened again. We've been working hard in training on stopping the ball coming into our area and we obviously need to work a bit harder on it."

The visitors played their best football once Thornton had been introduced for Josh Walker, who felt a niggle in his hamstring in the first half, and after changing from a 3-5-2 system to their preferred 4-4-2.

The initial formation was fielded due to an injury to centre-back Ben Tozer and because of the way the home side set up, although it was rated a failure by boss Sampson.

"We wanted to change our luck a little bit and we thought with them playing a diamond that we could get forward down the sides more." he said.

"It didn't quite work on this oc-



PAYING THE PENALTY - Ian Sampson

We need a reaction, says Bruce

BRUCE REIHANA says that Saints' current bad run will test just how strong their character.

They take on third-placed Gloucester at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday looking for their first league win of 2011 and on the back of four Aviva Premiership defeats in a row.

Former captain and veteran winger Reihana is keen to see a big reaction from Saints on Saturday as a fifth successive defeat could see them tumble out of the Premiership play-off positions.

The 34-year-old has been through some rough times with Saints but he believes this squad can lift themselves out of the current slump.

Reihana said: "This will test the character in the squad and see how strong we really are to bounce back.

"We know what we need to do. We have got to focus individually and when we get together collectively we've got to work hard as a team."

Reihana, who has played 226 times for the club, amassing 1,022 points, added: "We are all in this together, but it is an individual job before it is a team job because we need everybody on board.

"We know what we need to do, we will look in the mirror, do a lot of homework, come prepared to train and fix those mistakes we are making."

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After qualifying for the Heineken Cup quarter-finals with comprehensive wins over Edinburgh and Castres the last two defeats have come as a shock – even if Saints are without their internationals.

But Reihana believes there is enough talent left at the club to turn things around, starting with Gloucester on Saturday.

"You are always going to have highs and lows in a season," said Reihana.

"It is never going to be plain sailing and we are having a bit of a hiccup at the moment, but we know we are good enough to bounce back and play the rugby we know we can."



